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ERASMUS+ 2021-2027: Strengthening International Dimension in Higher Education
“Opportunities for international mobility and cooperation between MedNet and African countries”
(Benguerir, Morocco, 4th-7th March 2024)

Rationale-Description

State Scholarships Foundation (IKY) -being the Greek National Agency (EL01) for ERASMUS+ programme- in cooperation with the ERASMUS+ National Agencies of the “MedNet” Countries (Cyprus, Croatia, France, Greece, Italy, Malta, North Macedonia, Portugal, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain and Turkey) organises a seminar within the context of the Erasmus+ Transnational Cooperation Activities (TCA) action.

The main objective of the seminar is to strengthen International Dimension in Higher Education through Erasmus+ 2021-2027 programme.

The seminar brings together representatives (Rectors or Vice Rectors or equivalent counterparts) of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) from MedNet, Southern Mediterranean countries and Sub-Saharan Africa and gives them a unique opportunity of networking, partner finding, sharing best practices and fresh ideas in order to set up new projects in fields of common interest within the context of decentralised (KA171-International Credit Mobility Projects for Higher Education Students and Staff and KA131-) and centralised (Capacity building in the field of higher education etc.) actions of the Erasmus+ programme.

The programme of the seminar keeps a balance between:

- a) working sessions to present/understand the relevant Erasmus+ opportunities and set up new project proposals, and
- b) social and cultural activities to give participants the opportunity to meet, to get to know one another, to discuss cooperation agreements, to come up with new ideas for future cooperation and strengthen links between them.

Expected outcomes:

- Increase awareness of the opportunities for HEIs offered by the Erasmus+ Programme by providing information on the relevant Erasmus+ decentralized and centralized actions, in which Southern Mediterranean countries and Sub-Saharan Africa Universities are eligible to participate.
- Identify potential synergies between decentralised and centralised actions of the Erasmus+ Programme.
- Highlight and maximise the potential of cooperation between European and African countries by exchanging good practice examples.
- Create new project proposals in the action KA171-International Credit Mobility (ICM) as well as in relevant centralized actions in the framework of the Erasmus+ Programme 2021-2027.
- Participate in a friendly and fruitful exchange of views, ideas, experiences, and expectations.

Dates and Venue

The seminar starts on the **4th of March 2024** (arrival of participants) and ends on the **7th of March 2024** (departure of participants).

The seminar will be held in Benguerir, Morocco at the premises (Campus) of Mohammed VI Polytechnic University.

Participants will stay at HILTON Hotel and HILTON APARTHOTEL in Benguerir, Morocco.

Participation - Selection of participants - Registration

The seminar is open to representatives (Rectors or Vice Rectors or equivalent counterparts) of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) from MedNet, Southern Mediterranean and Sub-Saharan Africa, NA/NEO/NFP staff, representatives of EC and EACEA and Keynote speakers.

165 places are reserved as follows:

- **66** places for representatives of MedNet HEIs and NA staff (11 Co-organizers) - should there be vacant places, more applicants will be accepted on a “first come first served basis”.
- **4** places for representatives of Greek (organizer) HEIs,
- **12** places for representatives of HEIs from Morocco (all National Universities of the host country),
- **8** places for representatives of HEIs from Southern Mediterranean countries except for Morocco (two per country – should there be vacant places, more applicants will be accepted on a “first come first served basis”).
- **49** places for representatives of HEIs from Sub-Saharan Africa (one per country – should there be vacant places, more applicants will be accepted on a “first come first served basis”).
- **10** places for NEO/NFP staff (one per country on a “first come first served basis”).
- **10** places for Greek NA Staff with a special role.
- **6** places for persons with a supporting and moderating role, Keynote speakers etc.

Should there be vacant places, applicants will be accepted on a «first come first served» basis.

National Agencies (NAs), National Erasmus+ Offices (NEOs), Erasmus+ National Focal Points (ENFPs) and/or other National Authorities are responsible for the selection and registration of participants from each participating country.

Selected participants should be registered by the selecting agencies/authorities/offices of each participating country.

Travel and participation cost

Participation fee (1.279,20 €) includes transport from/to the airport (Marrakech or Casablanca airports), accommodation, meals and cultural visits.

- For participants from MedNet countries, travel cost and participation fee are to be covered by each sending National Agency.
- For participants from Southern Mediterranean countries and Sub-Saharan Africa, travel cost (air tickets only) and participation fee are to be covered by the MedNet National Agencies (organiser and co-organisers).

Practical information

The seminar will be held in Benguerir, Morocco at the premises (Campus) of Mohammed VI Polytechnic University and participants will stay at HILTON Hotel and HILTON APARTHOTEL in Benguerir, Morocco.

How to arrive

- **By plane on** the 4h of March 2024 (1st day) at the airport of Marrakech or Casablanca.

Transportation to the hotel will be arranged by the organizer.

Transportation to the airport of Marrakech or Casablanca on the 7th of March 2024 (departure day) will also be arranged by the organizer.

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DAY 1 Monday, March 4th 2024	
18:30-19:30	Arrival of participants – Transport from the airport Registration - Welcome drink
19:45-20:00	Welcome and opening remarks - Introduction to the TCA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda of the meeting • Expectations/Contributions • Practical information
20:00-21:30	Welcome dinner

DAY 2 Tuesday, March 5th 2024	
09:30-10:00	Official opening of the seminar Salutations
10:10 -10:30	Key note speech: The ERASMUS+ action «KA171-International Credit Mobility (ICM)» Representative of EC or NA staff
10:30 - 11:00	Key note speech: The Erasmus+ centralised actions (Capacity Building, Erasmus Mundus) – Opportunities for international cooperation Representative of EACEA or EC
11:00 - 11:30	Questions-comments-discussion
11:30-13:00	Parallel workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • «KA171-International Credit Mobility (ICM)» - Presentation of a «Good Practice» - Networking - Setting up future proposals <p>Coffee break</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • «Erasmus+ centralised actions» – Opportunities for international cooperation - Presentation of a «Good Practice» - Networking - Setting up future proposals
13:30-15:00	Lunch in Mohammed VI Polytechnic University
15:00-16:30	Guided tour (in small groups) of the premisses (Campus) of Mohammed VI Polytechnic University
17:00-18:30	Back to the hotel – Free time
16:30-18.30	Benguerir - Cultural Visit and dinner at a restaurant

18.30 – 21:30

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DAY 3

Thursday, March 6th 2024

9:30 - 10:30

Parallel workshops

- «KA171-International Credit Mobility (ICM)» - Drafting future proposals -
- «Erasmus+ centralised actions» – Opportunities for international cooperation - Presentation of a «Good Practice» - Drafting future proposals

10:30 - 11:30

Plenary session

- Reports from the workshops
- Closing of the seminar

11:30 - 12:30

Free time

12:30 - 18:00

Visit to Marrakech (Guided tour & Lunch)

19:30

Dinner at the hotel

DAY 4

Wednesday, March 7th 2024

Transport to the airport - Departure